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Applicants : Takayuki TOSHIMA, et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated April 14, 2005 is due by May 14, 2005.

The Notice requires correction of the status indicator for claim 3 as shown in the Amendment filed April 6, 2005. Accordingly, in order that the Amendment be fully compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.121, attached hereto is a corrected version of the "IN THE CLAIMS" section of the Amendment submitted April 6, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,  
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